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SUBJECT: AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF: TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

REFTELS: A) ISLAMABAD 02661 B) STATE 1624681
C) ISLAMABAD 7021

1. WE APPRECIATE INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTELS, BUT
REQUIRE FURTHER GUIDANCE BEFORE PROCEEDING ON PROJECT
OF THIS MAGNITUDE.

2. AS S/R AND RP DISCUSSED WITH RATTAY IN WASHINGTON.
QUESTION OF LOGISTICS SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL. WE ARE
INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE SPECIFICALLY WHAT SUPPORT
THE GOP IS WILLING TO OFFER THE PROJECT. REFTEL (A)
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MENTIONS THAT THE NLC WOULD BE INSTRUCTED BY PRESIDENT

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ZIA TO PROVIDE ALL SUPPORT, MAINTENANCE, AND COOPERATION THAT THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE MIGHT NEED. DOES THIS REFER TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT AS WELL AS PERSONNEL? IF SO, FOR WHICH SERVICES IN PARTICULAR AND FOR WHAT TIME PERIOD? TO THE EXTENT GOP UNABLE TO FINANCE THESE SERVICES, WE WOULD NEED TO ESTABLISH A RESERVE LOGISTICS FUND FOR THIS PURPOSE FROM THE \$6 MILLION GRANT.

3. PARA (5) REFTEL (A) SUGGESTS THAT THE CAPABILITY OF THE NLC CAN BE CONFIRMED THROUGH DOD. WE HAVE CONTACTED DOD, WHICH IS NOT APT NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE SUCH CONFIRMATION. WOULD APPRECIATE AMPLIFICATION FROM POST ON FUNCTIONS AND CAPABILITIES OF NLC.

4. WE HAVE ALSO ENCOUNTERED NEW PROBLEM ON TIMING OF DELIVERIES. AID AND SEA ESTIMATE IT WILL TAKE ONE YEAR (TWELVE MONTHS) TO PRODUCE ANY NUMBER OF RIGHT-HAND DRIVE VEHICLES. (FYI-ESTIMATE FOR LEFT-HAND DRIVE PRODUCTION IS FOUR TO SIX MONTHS-END FYI) PRESUMABLY, DELIVERY OF VEHICLES OF WHATEVER ORIGIN WOULD HAVE LEAD TIME OF AT LEAST SEVERAL MONTHS, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE GOP ASSESSMENT OF RAMIFICATIONS OF A DELAY EXTENDING UP TO A YEAR FOR US-BUILT VEHICLES. ALSO WOULD WELCOME GUIDANCE FROM POST RE NECESSITY OF HAVING RIGHT-HAND DRIVE VEHICLES.

5. IN A MEMCON BETWEEN LT. COL. NIZRA, LT. COL. KHATTAK AND ENDOFF ANSELEN DATED MAY 9, POSSIBLE FRG PARTICIPATION IN RELIEF SUPPLY TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE IS MENTIONED. RECOMMEND POST APPROACH GERMAN EMBASSY TO ASCERTAIN PLANS TO PROVIDE TRUCKS AND/OR OTHER SUPPORT FOR GOP TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS. WE KNOW SEVERAL MERCEDES-BENZ TRUCKS WERE PROVIDED TO THE MILITARY LOGISTICS CELL; ARE THEY
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PERHAPS THE TRUCKS REFERRED TO IN MEMCON?

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE TO ABOVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HAIG

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